Statement

Prices of Newsprint (Buffer Stock) During 1988 and Percentage increase in Prices.

(In Rupees) (Per Metric Tonne)

Quarter	Standard	Bangladesh	Glazed	Super Calender
January—March, 1988 . .	7580	7195	8530	8055
October—December, 1988 .	10400 (37.20%)	9685 (34.61%)	11885 (39.33%)	11285 (40.10%)

Inadequate water supply to areas of Netaji Nagar Extension

1019. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government employees residing in Upper Storeyed Government quarters in a number of blocks located near College of Commerce and Arts in Netaji Nagar Extension area (particularly flats from E-1141 to E-1188), New Delhi have not been getting water for the last several years; if so, the reasons in details;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in view of the above mentioned situation the residents of these upper storeyed quarters of these blocks have got hand-pumps fitted in their quarters on their own expenses; if so, the reasons for not increasing the water pressure in the area;

(c) whether Government are aware that inspite of a number of visits made by the Executive Engineer, N.D.M.C. concerned with the area, no remedial steps have so far been taken to ease the situation by rectifying the fault; and

(d) if so, the actual position about the progress made so far in the case and action Government propose to take in the matter to give relief to the residents of these flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) It is not correct that parts of Netaji Nagar extension have not been getting water supply at all. Municipal water supply is provided to these areas by the New Delhi Municipal Committee for 3 to 4 hours daily. The supply of water to Netaji Nagar is fed from Palam Reservoir of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi from where the supply is erratic. For equitable distribution of water and also for supplying the available quantity of water with pressure an underground tank with boosting arrangements was constructed about 7 -8 years ago but because of increase in demand of water over the years and also because blocks 'D' and 'E' are situated at the tail end of the distribution system besides being situated at a higher level there has been fall in the pressure at the tail end. Some residents have installed motorised pumps for improving their individual water supply and this has further added to general fall in the pressure of water. NDMC is seized of the problem and has prepared a scheme for augmentation of supply of water to deficient pockets in Netaji Nagar by adding two more pumps to the existing Boosting Station and feeding these blocks by an independent water main. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 20 lakhs and is under process for administrative approval and expenditure sanction.

Bonded Labourers in Madhya Pradesh

1020. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that there are

about 60,000 bonded labourers in Sireapuri, Gwalior and Thanthiya Districts of Madhya Pradesh as stone breaking workers belonging to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, by when the steps are likely to be taken by Government to release and free them from the practice of bonded labour; and

(c) whether Government would take fresh and necessary measures to prohibit recruitment of bonded labour by quarry contractors and impose heavy penal action on the employers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers rests with the State Governments concerned. As per the reports, received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, as on 31-3-1988, 7,486 bonded labourers had been identified in the State, of which 5,489 bonded labourers had been rehabilitated. Identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers is a continuous process.

(c) Bonded labour system stands statutorily abolished with the proclamation of an ordinance on 25th October, 1975, later replaced by an Act. After the commencement of the Act, any person who compels any other person to render any bonded labour is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years and also with fine which may extend to Rs. 2000.

Foreign assistance for Metro Transport in Madras

1021 SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Union Government propose to seek financial assistance from foreign Governments including the U.S.S.R. to complete the ongoing Metro project in the city of Madras early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Water supply scheme for Padmanabapuram Municipality Tamil Nadu

1022. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Tamil Nadu there is only one Municipality, namely, Padmanabapuram of Kanyakumari District, which has no protected water supply scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for pending the scheme for a long time; and

(c) whether steps would be taken to complete the scheme at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Padmanabapuram and Colachal Municipalities in Kanyakumari District do not have protected water supply schemes.

(b) and (c) Investigations for water supply to Padmanabapuram already done were found unsuitable. New investigations have been taken up and a project report is under finalisation. Further action will be taken by the State Government after the project report is finalised.

Appointment in the Cooperative Societies

1023. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of society-wise appointment panels cleared by the selection committee constituted under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and the rules made thereunder and for Multi State Societies enlisted in the Second Schedule of the said Act, since notification of the Rules on 16th September, 1985;

(b) whether the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies received requisition for the appointments to the post of